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In re Application of

**Hans-Jürgen WACHTER et al**Application Number  
**10/705,566**Filed  
**November 11, 2003**For **Niobium-Zirconium alloy for medical devices or their parts**Art Unit  
**1973**Examiner  
**Christopher S. Kessler**Applicant hereby **appeals** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 41.20(b)(1)) \$ 540.00

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